

Name:

## Day One

# Little Orphan Annie

### Part 1: Silent read

➔ What is it like to be an orphan? Read silently.

Do you know the songs “Tomorrow” or “It’s a Hard Knock Life”? These songs come from the famous musical, *Annie*. *Annie* has been presented on stages all over the globe. Actor Will Smith produced a movie version of the musical, and rapper Jay-Z wrote the score. Young actor Quvenzhané Wallis with the cute, curly hair is Annie. Cameron Diaz plays the evil Miss Hannigan.

The character Annie is an orphan, a child who has lost both parents. In the musical, Annie visits the house of a grumpy billionaire named Mr. Warbucks. After getting to know her, Mr. Warbucks decides to adopt Annie.

Like Annie, many orphans dream of being adopted. While waiting for a permanent home, they often live with foster parents. Foster parents are adults who volunteer to take care of children who need families. Some children are able to stay with one set of foster parents for a long time. The foster parents may even adopt them. But many foster children bounce from home to home.

By the age of 10, Shayla had lived in more than 20 different foster homes. In an interview on *NPR*, Shayla explained, “You think . . . maybe the next family will be better than this one.” Just like the character Annie, Shayla did not give up hope. She finally found a family who adopted her. Many children are not as lucky, however. In the U.S. today, there are over 400,000 children in foster care, many of them still waiting for a forever family.

Source: “Foster care stories: Profile of a foster child,” *NPR*, November 23, 2006.  
<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=6530174>



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### Part 2: First timed read

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### Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

What is the happy ending in the musical, *Annie*?

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How was Shayla like the character, Annie?

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### Part 4: Phrase-cued reading

- Read the passage **out loud** in phrases to your partner.
- Pause at each / mark for a phrase.
- Also pause at each // mark that shows the end of a sentence.

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I read the passage in phrases out loud to my partner.